

Senate File 155 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the illumination of rear registration plates
2 on dump trucks and construction vehicles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.388, Code 2015, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.388 Illuminating plates.**

4 Either the rear lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
5 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the
6 rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a
7 distance of fifty feet to the rear. When the rear registration
8 plate is illuminated by an electric lamp other than the
9 required rear lamp, the two lamps shall be turned on or off
10 only by the same control switch at all times when headlamps are
11 lighted. This section does not apply to commercial vehicles
12 engaged exclusively in intrastate commerce that are dump trucks
13 or that are used exclusively for the movement of construction
14 materials and equipment to and from construction projects.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Current law requires the rear registration plate of a motor
19 vehicle to be illuminated by a lamp that renders the plate
20 clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. The
21 scheduled fine for violating this provision is \$20.

22 This bill excludes from that requirement all commercial
23 vehicles engaged exclusively in intrastate commerce that are
24 dump trucks or that are used exclusively for the movement of
25 construction materials and equipment to and from construction
26 projects.